

Proposal for strengthening and black topping of existing road MDR-7 from Amba to Vishalgad in Tal-Shahuwadi, Dist-Kolhapur passing through forest land in 7200 Mtr (KM 4/00 to 13/00).

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.: FLD-2020/CR-88/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai 400032
Date: 12/02/2021**

Reference:

1. Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra Circular No. FLD-2019/C.R.76/F-10, dt.03/05/2019.
2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur Letter No.Desk-17/NC/II/C.R.136/39/2020-21, dt.19/05/2020.

Preamble:

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide letter under reference No.2 has submitted a proposal to the State Forest Department for strengthening and black topping of existing road MDR-7 from Amba to Vishalgad in Tal-Shahuwadi, Dist-Kolhapur passing through forest land in 7200 Mtr (KM 4/00 to 13/00) of Kolhapur district which is received from the Executive Engineer, Special Project, Public Works Department, Kolhapur. After careful consideration and scrutiny of the proposal, this Government is pleased to grant approval for the aforesaid proposal.

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As per Indian Survey toposheet the road under reference is prior to 1980 & it is shown as Metalled Road, hence in exercise of powers delegated to the State Government, vide MoEF&CC, Government of India's Handbook of Guidelines for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 [Chapter-11, Para-11.6], Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant approval for strengthening and black topping of existing road MDR-7 from Amba to Vishalgad in Tal-Shahuwadi, Dist-Kolhapur passing through forest land in 7200 Mtr, Chainage 4/000 to 7/200- 3.2 KM + Chainage 7/200 to 11/200- 4.00 KM (3.96 Ha.) (KM 4/00 to 13/00) of Kolhapur district in State of Maharashtra.

2. This approval is issued subject to the following conditions:-

- i. The execution of the work shall be restricted within width of 5.50 Meter and length of 7200 Meter in the forest area (3.96 Ha.) as per recommendation of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kolhapur & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kolhapur.
- ii. No tree felling shall be done.

- iii. Widening of roads if at all required should not be undertaken without prior permission of the Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- iv. The User Agency shall maintain the curves of the roads, inside the forest and will not straighten the same.
- v. The User Agency shall install speed breakers and speed control signage at regular intervals to avoid accident with wild animals.
- vi. While black-topping, adequate precaution should be taken by the user agency to avoid any damage to flora and fauna.
- vii. Labour camp should not be established on the forest land.
- viii. No work shall be allowed after sunset.
- ix. Any damage to forest area due to such up-gradation works shall be compensated by the implementing agency from the project cost. The extent of damage shall be assessed by the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- x. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- xi. The Conservator of Forests (T), Kolhapur shall take appropriate action as per para 1.21 (i) of the handbook issued by the MoEF&CC, vide letter dated 28/03/2019 in case of violation.
- xii. Space at the cost of Project Authority should be provided at nodes indicated by Forest Department to facilitate setting up of Forest Check Nakas.
- xiii. Bitumen cold mix for black topping should be prepared outside the forest or at a site approved by the Divisional Forest Officer.
- xiv. The User Agency shall try to maintain the road surface as rough as possible to act as regular speed governor.
- xv. Though digging of side drains is permissible no dug out material would be used for embankment of construction.
- xvi. Both sides of upgraded road shall be reinforced with brick/ stone works, and vegetative measures to check soil erosion at the project cost in consultation with concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests / Divisional Forest Officer.
- xvii. No breaking up of forest land shall be allowed.
- xviii. Fire of melting of coal tar and mixing shall be lit at a safe distance from the trees / vegetation and avoiding dry / hot seasons. Fuel wood, if required shall be purchased in advance from the Depot of Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra.
- xix. No crushing / breaking of stones shall be allowed inside forest areas. Readymade materials shall be used for up-gradation of road.
- xx. Any other condition the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests / Divisional Forest Officer may impose from time to time in the interest of forest conservation and protection.

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Arvind Apte)
Chief Conservator of Forests (Mantralaya)

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